

**Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission Meeting #35**

**Date:** Monday, Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 a.m.

**Attendance:**

David Armenti	X	Kirkland Hall	X	
Iris Barnes	X	Elizabeth Hughes	ABS	
Simone Barret	X	Tiesha Dupree Wilson	X	
Izetta Mobley	ABS	Stephanie Suerth	X	
Charles Chavis	X	Carl Snowden	X	
Roger Davidson	X	Marshall Stevenson	X	
Maya Davis	ABS	Stephanie Thompson	X	
Omar Eaton-Martinez	ABS	Zenita Hurley	X	
David Fakunle	X	Kristine McFarlane	X	
Chris Haley	X	Will Schwarz	X	
Nicolas Creary	X	Joy Sarimakin	X	

**Members of the public present:**

**Call to Order:**

Chair Fakunle called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting minutes for Oct was be approved, and seconded by commissioner Suerth

**Public Comments:**

Chair Fakunle thanked all members of the public for their presence, he Also thanked commissioner Marshall Stevenson, Kirkley Hall, Vice chair Charles Davis and all other commissioners and staff for all their hard work and contributions towards having a wonderful hearing experience as we round up for the year. He also thanked the Descendants for the opportunity to hear their words and elevate the life of all their loved once

**Committee Reports:**

**Logistics Committee**

There was no representative for the logistics department for report

**Research Committee**

There was no representative for the research committee for report

## **Reconciliation meeting**

Commissioner Creary did not have a report for the reconciliation committee because they did not have meeting.

## **New Business**

Reflection and feedback on the last 2 hearing at Wicomico and Somerset.

Commissioner Chavis spoke about us making sure we have the right resources when it comes to trauma, not just for the hearing but also holistically as a commission where everything we do is trauma informed

Commissioner Creary mentioned his appreciation on the ways the victims were re-humanized as a way of restoring humanity to them and bringing their story to life is of tremendous important. While also commending Dr Chavis for all the research work that he has done which has become a huge record for the commission. He recommended that we start rededicating some of heritage associates time to genealogical work to trace the descendants of the victims that have not been found so we can have a fuller account of their life.

Dr. Fakunle suggested that moving forward, we would make sure that all aspects of our presentation are in the name of health and well-being, addressing and navigating trauma as best we can.

Dr. Cones. Commented that we need to continue to find our place as a commissioner to constantly improve and become more helpful to the need of the community.

Commissioner Haley mentioned that the way forward as a mission is not justifying fault but rather to find resolution and the lingering residual racism superiority and its causes in the perpetrator so we can have proper recommendation.

Dr. Chavis Commented that its appropriate to have allied item that goes to support programs such as the legacy of slavery program and the research that is birthed out of this program. There should be a better data base management system and funds directed towards Truth and Reconciliation

Commissioner Hall Thanked the Somerset committee in attendance and appreciated all their great work and information provided

Commissioner Amenti commented that the start time of 9am be reconsider and to get more engaging on the marketing aspect so we can have more public engagement. Also, to make sure that information sent out are not lost but well circulated and that testimonies are well documented too.

Dr Chavis shared his concern about having lynching record located in one space/place, he suggested we develop a process for how materials are submitted, presented, accessible and documented. He mentioned his students are going to be sharing the papers they are working on when they are done.

Commissioner Creary suggested we plan our retreat right so we can to start talking with the Governor's office, General assembly and the delegates on finances and commission extension to 2024, in order to have enough time for recommendation and start institutionalizing the work.

Dr. Fakunle agrees we should introduce our self to the executive, emphasis the work we are doing and what we have accomplish so far.

Dr Cones asked if the hearing and commission work is just to some part of the state and Dr. Fakunle responded that we will be covering the entire state of Maryland in the regions where racial terror lynchings have taken place.

Dr Fakunle Also talked about the open Commissioner Position and that the position should be fill by early 2023 by the latest. Himself and Dr. Chavis are recommending Dr. Raymond W. Bush of Morgan State University while Dr. Creary recommended Stephanie Johnson.

Set a tentative date in December 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> 4- 8 hours for the retreat in order to be able to plan for the coming year and the proposed commission extension date.

**Announcements:**

- **There was no representative for the logistics department for report**
- open commissioner position in case anybody want to nominate and for the public to be aware and come to finalize and confirming the application by December meeting.
- Commissioner Armenti mentioned that Montgomery County is holding a series of public programming, focused on the lynching cases in the county that's focused on educators and the implementation of this material in the classroom. He will be attending to see how teachers are implementing this work with young people.
- Anyone who don't remember their assignment can contact chair Fakunle

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm. Dr. Fakunle moved for the adjournment and was seconded by Commissioner Creary